

TO ENGAGE IN THE RETAIL BUSINESS OF DISTRIBUTING WATER.

ARTICLE 5

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

5.01. INTENT AND POLICY.—(A) THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT IN ENACTING THIS ARTICLE IS TO GIVE SPECIFIC EMPHASIS TO THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SIGNATORY STATES FOR WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL.

(B) IN ORDER TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE WATERS OF THE BASIN, IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE AND COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF THE SIGNATORIES TO PREVENT, REDUCE, CONTROL, AND ELIMINATE POLLUTION SO AS TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN WATER QUALITY CONSISTENT WITH THE USES ESTABLISHED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES PLAN.

5.02. STANDARDS FOR CONTROLLING WATER QUALITY.—(A) THE COMMISSION MAY RECOMMEND TO THE SIGNATORIES THEIR ESTABLISHMENT, MODIFICATION, OR AMENDMENT OF STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR ANY WATERS OF THE BASIN.

(B) THE COMMISSION MAY, AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPT AND FROM TIME TO TIME CHANGE, CRITERIA OF WATER QUALITY FOR EACH CLASSIFICATION OF WATER USE ESTABLISHED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES PLAN, STANDARDS OF WATER QUALITY APPLICABLE TO PARTICULAR WATERS OF THE BASIN, STANDARDS FOR PREVENTING, CONTROLLING AND ABATING POLLUTION, AND DEFINITIONS OF POLLUTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF POLLUTANTS.

UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS COMPACT, THE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS IN FORCE IN THE SIGNATORY STATES SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AND SHALL BE THE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS OF THE COMMISSION UNTIL CHANGED AS SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCE, PROVIDED, THAT UNTIL THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE THAT IT IS PREPARED TO EXERCISE THE FUNCTIONS VESTED IN IT BY THE PRECEDING SENTENCE ANY CHANGES MADE BY A SIGNATORY STATE IN ITS CRITERIA OR STANDARDS SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AS AMENDED CRITERIA OR STANDARDS OF THE COMMISSION.

5.03. SCOPE.—CRITERIA FOR WATER QUALITY AND THE VARIOUS STANDARDS REFERRED TO IN THIS ARTICLE MAY